

Anderson Fire	Fire  Update	Cibola National Forest
June 09, 2006 10:00 am	Fire Information Center: (505) 705-0211	
For Immediate Release	Web updates: www.nmfireinfo.com www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola	

Fire Statistics

Date Started: 06/06/06	Cause of Ignition: Lightning	Location: 5 miles southwest of Torreon, NM
Size: 129 acres	Percent Containment: 20 %	Estimated Cost to Date: \$153,000
Personnel: 239	Aircraft: 2 helicopters	Equipment/Crews: 8 Crews, 5 Engines, 3 Water Tenders

Firefighters Make Progress

Mountainair, NM (June 9, 2006): Firefighters on the Anderson Fire, located on the Mountainair Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest, continue to work on containment lines around the perimeter of the fire. Containment is now estimated at 20 % with the current fire size mapped at 129 acres.

“The fire stopped just short of Capilla Peak Lookout and Campground,” says Bob Lineback, Incident Commander. “Ground crews conducted burnout operations to solidify the lower edge of the fire.” Yesterday’s cloud cover and high humidity, combined with active air operations, limited the fire’s growth. The fire received rain showers throughout the night, allowing the firefighting team to start downsizing operations later today.

According to Fire Behavior Analyst Pat Velasco, low cloud cover, high relative humidity and low temperatures are expected to minimize fire behavior today. Hand crews will continue to suppress hot spots and begin mop up operations.

Partial closures remain in effect on the Mountainair Ranger District. Red Canyon Campground is the only campground open, and is limited to DAY USE ONLY.

For more information, please call Fire Information (505) 705-0211.

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